

Duties at the Drug Lab

Court:

- Prepare discovery packets
- Advise & coordinate court appearance with the DA's office & my colleagues
- Expert testimony

Evidence office: (if needed)

- Date Entry:
 - Generating Certificates
 - Control Cards
- Trained in receiving illicit narcotics from Police Agencies (CBS is usually my partner)

Samples:

- Routine (both small and larger) cases for substance, vegetable matter & Rx
- Unusual & interesting cases (enjoy do these samples – keeps me on my toes and thinking)
- **Specialties:**
 - Steroids
 - Ecstasy (MDMA/MDA/BZP)
 - LSD
 - Quants: Heroin
 - Cocaine
 - THC (as needed)
- Knowledge and trained by CBS in the other specialized testing methods
- Re-analyzing of samples in the absence of original chemist
- Advise chemist of better testing methods, cleanup and sampling procedure (as needed)

General:

- Maintain inventory of standards/controls and general lab supplies
- Prepare standards/controls & reagents.
- Temperature Log
- Knowledge & training of operating all instruments/balances.
- Maintenance and repair of any instrument/balance (as needed)
- Create & revise GC or GC/MS methods as needed for better results
- Monitor GC tanks
- Notary

QA/QC

- Review all QC documents on a monthly basis
- Backup person for performing QC on instruments & balance
- QC check with standard for reagents prepared by the chemists

Continuing Education:

- Read monthly Microgram
- Read bi-monthly/weekly Dateline DEA
- Dept of Justice-Forensics Professionals courses – Federal Grant (Current Courses: Drug Chemistry, Mass Spec Interpretation, Perspectives in Expert Testimony, Transition to Leadership , Intro to Forensic Science, Forensic Questioned Documents, etc)